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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th December 1876. *No.* 3,352.

No. 230. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Irrigation Branch,) dated Fort William, 17th November 1876, No. 409 A—I:—

THE Accountant-General, Public Works Department, having brought to notice that the Examiner of Public Works Accounts does not appear to have been furnished, up to the 27th September 1876, with a copy of the orders of the Government of India on the Madras Irrigation Budget Estimate for 1876-77, I am directed to invite the attention of the Government of Madras to the omission.

2. The Government of Madras will no doubt agree with the Government of India that it is a matter of the greatest importance that the Examiner should be furnished with all orders bearing on the supply of funds and the regulation of the expenditure of the department as soon as possible after their issue, and the President in Council feels assured that it is only necessary to bring the matter to the notice of the Government of Madras to prevent the recurrence of the delay which has taken place in the present instance.

3. As bearing on the subject of the necessity of prompt communication being made to the Examiner of the orders on which the supply of funds is regulated, I am to ask attention to Public Works Department letter No. 362 A—I, dated 5th October 1876, pointing out the abnormal rate at which the expenditure against the Ordinary grant for Irrigation Works for 1876-77 is being incurred. The Government of India is naturally very anxious to prevent any excess outlay over the grants assigned, and relies on the Government of Madras taking the necessary steps to prevent expenditure being incurred in anticipation of additional grants or re-appropriations of Budget credits. It is necessary to lay stress upon the point, as the large excess outlay incurred against the Ordinary grant for Irrigation Works for 1875-76 renders the Government of India apprehensive that, for want of the precautions indicated, a like result may occur in 1876-77. On this subject a separate communication will be addressed to the Government of Madras.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1876, No. 3,352.

IRRIGATION, No. 22.
Account.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent.

(Here enter No. 3,353, dated 11th December 1876.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 11*th December* 1876.

No. 232.

No. 3,353.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department (Railway).

IRRIGATION, No. 23.
Account.

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. 409 A—I, dated 17th November 1876, I am directed to state that the Examiner of Public Works Accounts was furnished on the 12th May last with a copy of the orders of the Government of India on the Irrigation Budget Estimate for 1876-77 in anticipation of the communication to him of the final orders thereon of the Government of Madras, and that a similar course is followed with respect to all communications from the Government of India bearing on the supply of funds.

2. In the instance alluded to the Government deferred passing orders on the letter of the Government of India until the revised Budget Estimate, compiled in conformity with that letter, had been completed.

3. The Government of Madras concur with the views of the Government of India on this subject as expressed in the letter under reply.

4. I am to say with reference to paragraph 3 of your letter, that stringent orders were issued by the Government in connection with the issue of the revised Budget Estimate in September last enjoining officers of the Department of Public Works to limit their expenditure to the amount of the grants at their disposal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Govt. of {1876} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA.

Dated December 11th.

Issued

Read. *Encl.*

G. O., 11th December 1876, No. 3553.

DECEMBER.

No. 232.

Submitting copies of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council of India, and of the Public Works Accounts Code of the Madras Presidency, for the information of the Secretary of State for India.

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Ld D

I cannot but think that the Govt of India supposed when they wrote their Letter that although the Examiner had managed to see & become acquainted with the Budget Orders, he had done so apart from any assistance from the Secy to Govt. Now the fact is that under a Standing Order in the Irrigation Branch, every letter or Circular of the Govt being in course of India is sent to the Exr in anticipation of the Orders of the Govt. The draft simply states the fact.

Ld D
2-12

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All that was practicable was done. No other communication with orders of the G of I could be made to the Examiner until orders of this Government were passed and accidentally the issue of these orders took a long time. The Examiner was conversant with all that was going on & indeed it was because he raised various objections to the draft matter Budget orders originally proposed that much delay occurred in getting out the orders.

Ld 4/12

Returned with thanks Ld 4/12

and internally acted upon it.

I need say no more on the point.

The first of India in their letter refer to a communication of their orders officially in such a form as would have enabled the C. to carry out his duties as Auditor; to regulate the Credits to the Rec. Gen.; & to watch the Expend.e &c.; and in this case, the orders certainly were not communicated till the 19th Oct.r. It is certain that India's letter is written in this case, not only from the context, but also from the fact stated by Sir Lee, that India has already been told that we had seen the orders.

Sir J.

I do not think your draft-letter conveys a correct impression of the facts of the case.

In all such cases, we must distinctly bear in mind the double functions of the Board: viz. his functions as financial Asst to the Secy, and his functions as independent Auditor. The Proes of the Madras Govt, & Circulars & Letters from India are sent over here for his information, which is his former capacity, whilst the latter. He cannot read the papers, but before taking action, he must wait till the orders of Govt are officially communicated from India.

instance, take India's Circular
no 74 of 1876 regarding the
classification of Provincial Works.
In one capacity I know that
the Circular has come, I have
read it. I even know there is
some difference of opinion as
to its suitability for adoption here;
but in the other capacity I
know nothing about it. There
I sit & mix up the two functions
and acting on the information
derived in the one capacity pass
I. C. Head of the Acctts Branch,
to wind up Circular introducing
this classification into the Acctts,
the Acctts would be puzzled
and bewildered by the last
depicted proceeding that
follows the separation of the

not officially communicated
until the issue of G.O. 2447
of 18 September 76 received
in this office on the 15th October last,
and until the orders were
officially communicated
we could make no reference
to them
Rec'd 1.12.76.
writing to A.G. & to enable
necessary alterations that
the budget orders would not be
officially communicated, but
at the same time I was
stated that we could issue the
orders and direct acceptance
with the details.

Audited
1.12.76

GOVT. OF MADRAS. 187 P.W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Ootacamund, 28-11- 1876.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

Please say if the facts are as stated so far as you examined in Ennore.

There is a current Order in P. Manual that a copy of all letters for Madras Govt. should be supplied to you at once.

Asst Secy
28-11

Offg Land. Secy of P. Letter.
& Offg Note.

A copy of the orders of Govt on the budget was sent over by E.D., but the orders were not

OF 187.

G 13-9-76 No 2447-2447A & 2448
" 27-9-76 - 2608.
" 24-10-76 .. 2828 & 2829.
Offg Nicholls.

No 230/31.

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Pointing out the omissions on the part of the Madras Govt to furnish to the Examiner of P.A. with the Orders passed on the Budget for 1876-77.

No 3352 d/11 Dec/76

Ordered that the following letter be sent

Sir 8-12-76

No 3353 Dated 13 Dec 76

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Public Works department

Sir.

In reply to your letter
No 409 A.I. dated 17 November 76,
I am directed to state that
the Examiner of P.W. Accounts
was furnished on the 12 May
last with a copy of the orders
of the Government of India
on the Irrigation Budget
estimate for 1876-77 in
anticipation of the communi-
cation to him of the final
orders thereon of the Govern-
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Addl

Dy. 4/12

Edn

Rcpd - 19-12-76

2 Copies of Nos 1 & 2 in Sec 1 & 2 of Irrigation Budget for 1876-77 & Letter from Govt

16-2-77

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Govt. of 1876 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Sec. to the Govt of India

Dated 12/11/76

Issued

Recd. Encl.

P. G. O. No. 1876, No. 3352 3353

Nos. 230/32

Irrigation Budget for 1876/77.

Forwarding orders on letter from the Govt of India bringing to notice the omission on the part of the local Govts to furnish to the Govt of India with their orders on the _____

Submitting explanation as to the alleged omission to furnish the Government of India with orders on the Irrigation Budget for 1876-77.